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MEDIA REACTION

1. NATIONALISTIC COLUMNIST CLAUDIO MENA FEATURED COMMENTARY
JULY 30 IN EL TIEMPO, QUITO'S SECOND-RANKING DAILY, ENTITLED
"THE SICK DEMOCRACY." THEME WAS POLITICAL CORRUPTION OF
U.S. SYSTEM REVEALED BY WATERGATE. BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW:

2. "...WITHIN THE REIGNING CAPITALIST SYSTEM IN THE UNITED
STATES, MONEY CORRUPTS EVERYTHING. PRESSURE GROUPS
WHICH FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES CONTROL POWER CONSIDER THE MONEY
THEY PUT OUT FOR LEGAL AND ILLEGAL MEANS SUCH AS BRIBES AS A
RETURNABLE INVESTMENT TO MAINTAIN A SYSTEM OR SITUATION
FAVORABLE TO THEIR INTERESTS. ...

3. "IN SUMMARY, THE WATERGATE CASE WHICH HAS SO SHAKEN
AMERICA CAN SERVE TO REVEAL BEFORE A CONFUSED PUBLIC THE
VICES AND CORRUPTION OF DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED STATES
WHICH IN SIMILAR TERMS BUT ON A DIFFERENT SCALE ALSO AFFLICT
OTHER DEMOCRACIES LESS WEALTHY BUT WHICH ALSO
POSSESS A SYSTEM OF VALUES CENTERED AROUND THAT POWERFUL
GENTLEMAN 'MR. MONEY.'"

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